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SUBJECT: GREEK-US DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT: DRAFT
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COMMUNIQUE

REF: (A) ATHENS 6651, (B) ATHENS 6683, (C) ATHENS 6708

1. WE CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDED REVISION OF GREEK
DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, BUT BELIEVE LANGUAGE IN THIRD PARAGRAPH
SHOULD BE (A) ALTERED AS INDICATED BELOW AND (B) EXPANDED

TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE APRIL 15, 1976 PRINCIPLES.
CONSEQUENTLY, IN JULY 21 MEETING WITH CHRYSOSPATHIS YOU
SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO GAIN GREEK APPROVAL FOR EMBASSY'S RE-
VISED DRAFT AND TO INTRODUCE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE INTO PER-
TINENT PARA OF COMMUNIQUE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR FOLLOWING REVISED
PARA 3: BEGIN QUOTE. THE NEW AGREEMENT IS CONSISTENT
WITH THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AGREED TO BY GREECE AND
THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 15, 1976, TO GUIDE FUTURE US-
GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION. IT INCLUDES BASIC DOCUMENT,
SIX APPENDICES (SOUDA BAY, NEA MAKRI, IRAKLION, HELLENIKON,
STATUS OF FORCES, AND COMMAND AND CONTROL) AND EXCHANGES
OF NOTES PROVIDING FOR COOPERATION IN A NUMBER OF GREEK AND
UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES AT VARIOUS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

IN GREECE. THE AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE AFTER
SIGNATURE BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGAL PROCEDURES. END QUOTE.

3. WHILE WE COULD LIVE WITHOUT PARENTHETICAL ENUMERATION
OF APPENDICES, WE BELIEVE IT IS USEFUL TO GET IT ON THE
RECORD, AND IT GOES NO FURTHER THAN APRIL 15, 1976
PRINCIPLES IN WHICH APPENDICES ARE LISTED AND WHICH IS A
MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.

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5. RE PARA 3, ATHENS 6708, WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT THERE
MUST BE ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONCLUDING ROUND. YOU
SHOULD USE JULY 21 MEETING TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE GREEK AP-
PROVAL OF SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT. IF IT APPEARS IN THE END
THAT THE GREEKS WILL NOT ACCEPT ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT, THEY
SHOULD BE INFORMED WE WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
PUBLICLY ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS THAT WE ANTICIPATED A
CLOSING ROUND IN THE NEAR FUTURE. VANCE

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